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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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(2) 11 Feb 72 - Flight and equipment same as on 10 Feb. Normal exit, deployed antenna and turned unit on. Kit deployed approximately 600 ft. (Kit may have deployed low due to antenna not fully extending.)

B. Remarks:

ARO Corporation was contacted on above drops. They, in turn, contacted Bonzer, Inc., to find out why the kit activated in aircraft. Bonzer stated that FDR unit could have received a signal from the aircraft. Normally kit would not be turned on until after parachute opening and would be clear of aircraft.

2. Recommendation:

Recommend that the survival kit be returned to ARO Corporation for rework and drop tests scheduled in early April 1972 at Quantico Marine Air Station in order that a representative can be present from ARO and Bonzer to correct any discrepancy which may be in the system. Also at this time determine if it is feasible to adopt the FDR system to the U-2R kit.



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